

Stone & Thomas.
STONE & THOMAS.
A Matting Sale

of special importance starts here to-day. 1,000 rolls New Matting, bought from an overstocked importer at about half regular value. To-day we place them on sale at the following prices:

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| 300 rolls heavy China Matting, in new designs, the 12 1/2 c kind, per 40-yard roll..... | \$3.98 |
| 300 rolls Extra Heavy China Matting, the 18 c kind, per 40-yard roll..... | \$5.79 |
| 300 rolls Heavy Chint Matting, regular 15 c kind, per 40-yard roll..... | \$4.98 |
| 300 rolls Extra Quality Heavy China Matting, the 20 c kind, per 40-yard roll..... | \$6.89 |

In addition to the above we also offer 100 rolls Seamless Cotton Chain Japanese Matting, in the new dark colors, Blue, Red, Green, etc., qualities that have never retailed before less than 40c and 50c, in this sale at per yard..... 25c

A Special at the Jewelry Dept. To-day.

100 Heavy Sterling Silver "Nethercole" Bracelets, actual \$1.50 and \$2.00 values, plain or chased, to-day..... 87c

Lace Curtains.

A special number of Fine Curtains at a low price to-day.
2 patterns, about 50 pairs real Irish Point Lace Curtains, with heavy cushion work, 54 and 60 inches wide, market value to-day is \$20.00. Special price..... \$9.98
Reversible Ottoman, Damask and Bagdad Portieres, regular \$3.50 to \$3.00 value, to-day's price..... \$4.98 and \$5.98

Wall Papers.

We call special attention to our showing this season of Fine Hand Made Wall Papers in all the newest 1899 designs and colorings.
50c to \$2.00 Roll
A special new line of twenty and twenty-five cent papers in all the new and late colorings and designs.
60 patterns of Wall Papers that were 25c, now selling at..... 15c
Popular price Wall Papers here in great abundance in all the late colorings; 250 new combinations at 5c, 8c, 10c and 12 1/2 c roll

Important Notice.

To accommodate our customers who could not get fitted or waited on last week we have made arrangements to continue the sale of American Lady and Model Form Corsets the first three days of this week. ONE of the coupons that were distributed, or one of the coupons cut from our ad. will be received as twenty-five cents cash on the purchase price of a pair of these corsets. Seventeen styles to select from. Price range \$1.00 to \$5.00 a pair. Guaranteed to give satisfaction, or money will be refunded.

Stone & Thomas.
STONE & THOMAS.
Geo. H. Snook & Co.
Snook & Co.



Grand Opening of Our New Ready-Made Dep't.
ALL THIS WEEK.
In-town and out-of-town friends are cordially invited.
SHOW US A STORE
in West Virginia which offers more advantages than our NEWLY REMODELED CLOAK ROOM. It's on the ground floor. It's new throughout, new metal ceilings, new hardwood floor, new wall paper, new cloak cabinets; new furnishings, and lastly everything sold in it is NEW. New Jackets, New Suits, New Silk and Wash Waists, New Skirts and Petticoats, New Reefers for Children, New Wrappers, New Lingerie.
Our styles undoubtedly right—prices positively so.

"I have been in every store, and you certainly have the prettiest suits in the city."
—A Well Known Society Lady.
Many similar endorsement from far and near could be quoted, but we want you to come in and see for yourself that the choicest line of custom-made goods is right here.

At \$6.90 Blue or brown cloth custom-made Suits, which have five gore flare bottom skirts and crocheted button plackets; full silk lined box front jackets with fancy pearl buttons. A suit wonder at \$6.90.



At \$59 Suit of lustrous black Venetian Cloth, the design of which is most intricate. Moired bands of silk form fanciful designs on the skirt, and plainer ones on the jacket, which is likewise faced with Moire; extending over the revers. Both skirt and jacket are lined with best Taffeta, and are likewise studded with small fancy Moire buttons. A winning style at \$59.00.
Between these two extremes, hundreds of other prices and styles in all those new subdued shadings of Castor and Grey.
Four expert dressmakers here, who alter to fit, free of cost.

GEO. M. SNOOK & CO.
1110, 1112, 1114 Main St., Through to 1115 Market St., Wheeling, W. Va.

Good Shoes.
America
makes the best shoes in the world.
The J. & M.
shoe is the best man's shoe made in America.

Alexander
is the only man in Wheeling from whom the J. & M. shoe can be bought.

Spring Shapes Ready for Inspection

ALEXANDER,
Good Shoes. 1049 Main.

"Royal" Shoes.
ABOVE COMPETITION
"ROYAL" SHOE FOR MEN
Above Competition. Demand Larger. Value Greater.
NAY BROTHERS, Agents,
1317 Market St., Wheeling.
\$3.50

The Intelligencer

Office: 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.
Now Advertisements.
For Sale—Barber Shop.
Hyslop Dairy—Simpson & Snedeker.
Public Sale—Donaldson Carriage Company.
Opera House—Robert Downing.
For Sale—One Folding Bed.
Specialties—Albert Stolz & Co.
Impossible to Produce Stronger Proof—Sixth page.
Spring is Coming—D. Gundling & Co.—Fifth page.
Are Your Kidneys Weak?—Fifth page.
Here's Bargains For Your Money—McFadden's—Second page.
Our Sign is Out—House & Herrmann—Fifth page.

C. HESS & SONS' SPRING OPENING.

We have now on exhibit one of the largest and best selected stocks of fine tailoring at popular prices in the city. We have added to our cutting department J. Ed. Dornier, one of the most fashionable cutters east.
The artistic cut, stylish appearance and excellency in make-up of our garments will speak for themselves.
Always the newest in fine furnishings.
C. HESS & SONS,
Fashionable Tailors and Fine Furnishers, 1321 and 1323 Market Street.

20,000.
We have fitted more than twenty thousand pairs of Spectacles, giving us a record and experience unequalled by any other optician in West Virginia. Satisfaction guaranteed.
JACOB W. GRIFF, Optician,
No. 1306 Market Street.

A Week of Preaching Services.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church has entered on an interesting series of evening services, preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on next Sabbath. Dr. Alexander, of St. Clairsville, O., preached the sermon last evening much to the spiritual edification and profit of the people. Many will be glad to know that he is to preach again this evening at half past 7 o'clock. It will be a good opportunity for strangers in the city and others to hear him.

Wheeling to the Front.

Mr. C. H. Abercrombie, the Main street wholesale merchant, has returned from New York and other eastern cities. In the course of a conversation yesterday evening he said that the consummation of the several iron and steel deals in which Wheeling has been so prominently connected, has opened the eyes of the easterners to the importance of Wheeling in the commercial world. Formerly eastern jobbers knew of Wheeling in a general way, but they had no idea of its importance in industry, especially in iron and steel.

Organ Recital Postponed.

It was expected that an organ recital would be given this evening at the Vance Memorial church, Altemhelm, by Mr. Andrew Wheeler, Jr., of Philadelphia, a member of the old iron house of Morris, Wheeler & Co., and one of the best amateur organists in the country. A telegram was received, however, last evening by Mr. Culbertson, whose guest Mr. Wheeler was to be, stating that it would not be possible for him to come to Wheeling at this time, consequently the expected pleasure will have to be deferred.

An Enjoyable Evening.

The following programme was followed at the entertainment given last evening by the Young People's Society of Vance Memorial church:
Singing—"America"..... School Prayer
Address of Welcome..... Edward Neff
Piano Solo..... Miss Beesie Kyle
Recitation—"The Duel"..... Miss Emma Reese
Vocal Solo..... Miss Clemens
Recitation..... Miss Wyniera
Vocal Solo..... Miss Harriet Delzell
Recitation, by request..... Miss Wyniera
Sings—No. 543..... School
This was followed by an autograph social and the serving of refreshments. A large crowd was in attendance and a most enjoyable evening resulted.

The Woman's Easter Herald.

All ladies soliciting subscriptions and advertisements for the Woman's Easter Herald, and all who will be engaged in selling the same at the various news stands, to be in charge of the different circles of King's Daughters, are requested to attend a meeting of the business managers, on Wednesday, March 22, at 3 o'clock, at the Fourth Street M. E. church.
By order of the business managers,
VIRGINIA MILLER,
Secretary.

IT will pay you to visit The Bon Ton this week. New spring goods at special prices.
Take Wheeling & Lake Erie for Selo.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
J. C. Taylor

WON BY BACHMANN.

He is Found not Guilty on the Charge of Embezzlement.

THE EVIDENCE WAS EXCLUDED

By the Ruling of the Court—The Jury was Then Instructed to Bring in its Verdict for the Defense—Thus Ends the First Round of the Bachmann-Cotts Legal Quarrel, With a Touch-down for Bachmann.

The trial of the case of the state vs. H. E. Bachmann, indicted by the criminal court grand jury for embezzlement on a technically, came to a sudden conclusion late yesterday afternoon in the criminal court, Judge Huges on the bench. The state had concluded its case with the examination of a number of witnesses, who testified to the shipping of two car loads of apples to Bachmann, from W. T. Clarke, in New York. When the prosecution had rested, Messrs. Conliff and Pendleton, representing the defense, moved to exclude all the testimony and that the jury be instructed to bring in a verdict of not guilty, on the ground that there had been no proof offered tending to show embezzlement as charged.

Judge Huges took the motion under advisement and retired to his chambers to look over the authorities offered by Messrs. Conliff, Pendleton and J. H. Thompson (of Parkersburg) for the defense, and C. A. Mabon for the prosecution. Shortly after 5 o'clock the judge reached a conclusion, which was announced in open court, and was to the effect that the state must show the conversion of the goods into money and that the defendant had actually received the money. These things the state had not proved. It had not been proven in this case that Bachmann was the agent, clerk or servant of Clarke; on the contrary he was engaged in the commission business.

The jury was brought into court and directed to bring in a verdict of not guilty, the court having ruled that all the evidence submitted to the jury was excluded. The jury acted accordingly. The jury was composed of George Baird, foreman; W. H. Gill, P. C. Hell, Edward M. Handy, Thomas Doyle, F. Fey, F. Bonenberger, Leroy Millard, George E. Delbold, H. Berkortle and E. Israel.
This is the case in which W. J. Cotts, recently held to the grand jury for bar-ratry, is interested, and it was through him that the indictment was brought against Bachmann. Bachmann then turned on Cotts and instituted the bar-ratry proceedings against the latter. Apparently Bachmann has scored the first touch-down.

THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
Of Excelsior Lodge No. 19, A. O. U. W., Celebrated Last Night.

The sixth anniversary of Excelsior lodge, No. 19, A. O. U. W., was celebrated on an elaborate scale at the A. O. U. W. temple last night. A crowd of the friends of the lodge packed the auditorium and the Excelsior showed its name to be well chosen when it came to entertainment. A splendid musical and literary programme was rendered, carried out in detail as published in yesterday's Intelligencer, after which a bountiful supply of refreshments was served. The event was one of keen enjoyment, and Excelsior's reputation as an entertainer went up another notch.

Mr. Frank M. Gruse was master of ceremonies, and in his introductory remarks bade the assemblage a cordial welcome. Incidentally he spoke of the lodge's progress during its six years' growth, and it is now one of the foremost of the six local lodges. The programme opened with a song, "Autumn Voices," by Miss Lou Maurer, Mrs. Annie Bertschey and Mr. Henry Bertschey. Miss Eleanor Black gave a violin solo; Miss Frances Reed recited, Miss Lou Maurer sang "Sonnet," and Albert Blumenberg neatly executed an instrumental solo on glass globes.
A piano solo was played by Professor J. R. Jones. Mr. James P. Morgan recited, Carl Seidel gave a club-swinging exhibition, J. W. Milligan, a stump speech, and the remainder of the programme was in charge of Messrs. R. H. Null and George W. Boring, who in character sketches, songs and dances scored a great hit. All the performers were enthusiastically applauded and encores were frequent.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.
J. S. Le Page, of Mannington, is in the city.

W. G. Hays, of Grafton, is a guest of the Stamm.

Howard Morlin, of Down, and D. Devar, of Mannington, were arrivals at the Howell yesterday.

T. C. Pipes, of Cameron, is in the city to assist in the arrangements for the funeral of his brother, Dr. John H. Pipes.

T. J. Wotring, of Morgantown; J. E. Cummins, of Charleston; and J. A. Ryan, of Sistersville, were Windsor registers yesterday.

The many friends of Miss Inez Smith will regret to learn that, after having nearly recovered from a serious attack of appendicitis, she has had a relapse and is now lying very ill at her home on the Island.

Our Millinery Reception will take place Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24. We will have a magnificent display of French Patterns and Bonnets. All are cordially invited.
MME. J. M. SHIDELL,
(Successor to A. J. Rice),
1129 Main Street,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Delinquent Tax Notice.

All persons in arrears on their city taxes are hereby notified that same must be paid by April 1st, 1899.

All bills delinquent after that date will be collected in accordance with ordinance governing the collection of delinquent taxes.
J. K. HALL,
City Collector.

Take Wheeling & Lake Erie for Selo.

..Second Sight..

When you feel that you have tried everything and everyone, consult us. A daily occurrence is the surprise shown by the benighted patients at our office.
Do you have headache? Do your eyes water? Do they smart or burn? Does the print run together when reading? Feel as if you were the evay? Do things appear double or mixed up? Have a desire to rub the eyes? Twitching? Does the light pain them? For any trouble of your eyes consult us. During the month we devote much time to children's eyes. We make glasses at popular prices (one reason for our popularity)—make a careful examination free of charge. The best proof of our success is the number of recommendations from our old patients.

PROF. H. SHEFF, THE SCIENTIFIC OPTICIAN,
Cor. Main and Eleventh Streets.

The Hub Clothiers.
It Pays To Buy Good Clothes

aside from the appearance. It pays to buy boys good clothes, because the more you pay (in a reliable house) the better the cloth, the sewing, the linings, the finish and even the fit—that is if you buy the kind we sell. Our spring line is now ready, and by far the largest we have ever shown.

Big Boys' Small Boys,
Stylish, well tailored Suits, with either single or double breasted coats, sizes 13 to 20 years, from \$4 to \$18.
in Sailors' Vests for the small tots, 3 to 9 years, and plain double breasted, with and without silk fronts, \$1.50 to \$8.50.

Don't buy until you've seen our line. We're positive as to the result. Whatever you buy must please you when you get it home; if not, send it back and back goes the money you've paid.

THE HUB,
One Price Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,
FOURTEENTH AND MARKET STREETS.

Baer's Clothing House.

Spring Announcement.

The new Spring Suits and Top Coats are all in—on "dress parade" awaiting your inspection. You'll like them—we know you will. The variety is almost bewildering—the values are simply great. The makes are America's best—the styles are the newest. While our prices range from \$7.50 to \$18.00 for Men's Suits, you'll be agreeably surprised at splendid styles we're selling at

\$10, \$12 and \$15.
The cut, make, style and fit of these stamp them as away above anything to be found at those prices elsewhere in Wheeling.

Lee Baer,
Twelfth Street. Clothing House.

Geo. R. Taylor Co.

GEO. R. TAYLOR COMPANY.

The Test of Value, Style and Quality.

The gratifying success already attained by our lines of
Tailor-Made Suits, Dress Skirts and Jackets
is the best assurance that no buyer, however critical, will be disappointed by a visit to our department.
Attention is requested to our complete assortment of
Black and Colored Dress Goods, Foulard Silks, Waist Silks, Wash Goods, Trimmings, Embroideries, Etc., Etc.
We open this week our line of the celebrated
"MARQUISE" SHIRT WAISTS.

GEO. R. TAYLOR COMPANY.

"A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSEFUL OF SHAME." CLEAN HOUSE WITH

SAPOLIO

Locke Shoe Company.

Save, and Make Money.

HERE'S YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.
\$5.00 quality Stacy Adams & Co.'s make Men's 3-Sole Leather Lined Shoes, correct shapes and style, now..... \$4.00
\$3.00 and \$3.50 qualities Men's Box Calf and Vici Kid 3-Sole and Leather Lined Shoes all go in this sale at..... \$2.50
\$2.50 and \$2.75 qualities Men's Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, 3 soles and leather lined, a big bargain at..... \$2.00

A general clean up of Men's Heavy Sole Shoes at prices that will make them go fast.

J. H. Locke Shoe Company.